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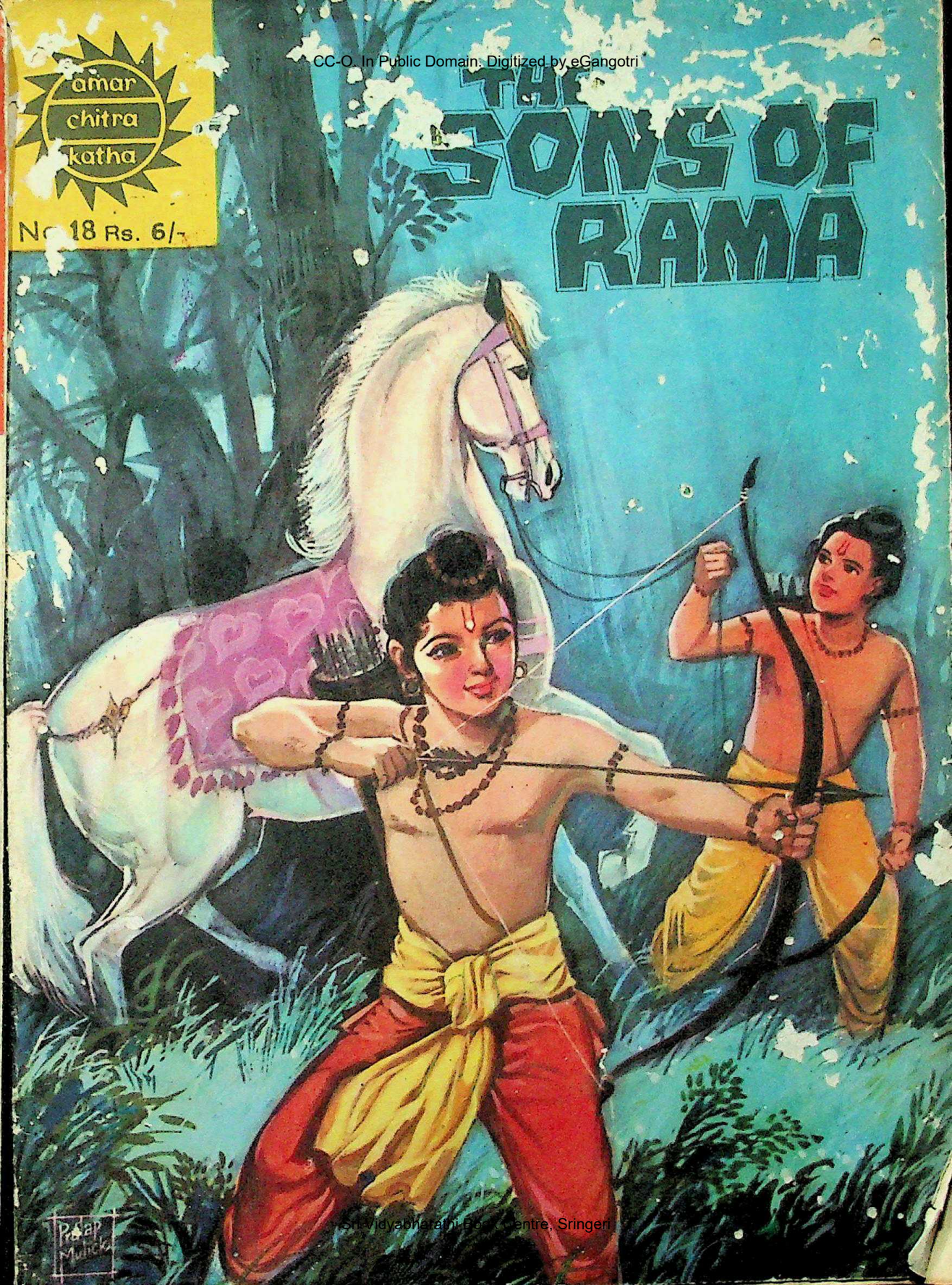

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The story of Rama and Sita is a part of India. It was first set down by the sage Valmiki in his epic poem in Sanskrit, 'Ramayana'.

Rama was the eldest son of Dasharatha, the King of Ayodhya. The King had three wives-Kaushalya, Kaikeyi and Sumitra. Rama was the son of Kaushalya, Bharata, of Kaikeyi and Laxmana and Shatrughuna of Sumitra. As they grew up so did their fame as valiant and brave princes. Sage Vishwamitra came seeking the help of Rama and Laxmana in killing the demoness Tataka. On the way back in the land of King Janaka, Rama succeeded in winning the hand of Sita, the King's daughter. Dasharatha decided that this was the time to crown Rama King. Jealous Kaikeyi persuaded an unwilling Dasharatha to banish Rama into the forest and to crown Bharata the King. Sita and Laxmana opted to follow Rama. While in the forest the Rakshasi Shoorpanakha accosted Rama and eventually had herself disfigured by Laxmana. The angry female went and complained to her brother, Ravana, the King of Lanka. Ravana with a cunning typical of him carried Sita away. Rama and Laxmana in the course of their search for Sita came across the monkey king, Sugreeva and struck a bond of friendship with him. One of Sugreeva's assistants, Hanuman discovered Sita's whereabouts and Rama led the army of monkeys against Lanka. In the terrible battle that ensued Ravana and his associates were killed..Accompanied by Laxmana, Rama and Sita returned to Ayodhya where they were welcomed by Bharata and crowned King and Queen. But their troubles had not ended. How the suspicion of his subjects forced Rama to banish Sita even though she was pregnant and how his sons Luv and Kusha brought up in the ashram of Sage Valmiki were ultimately united with him is told in colourful pictures in the following pages.

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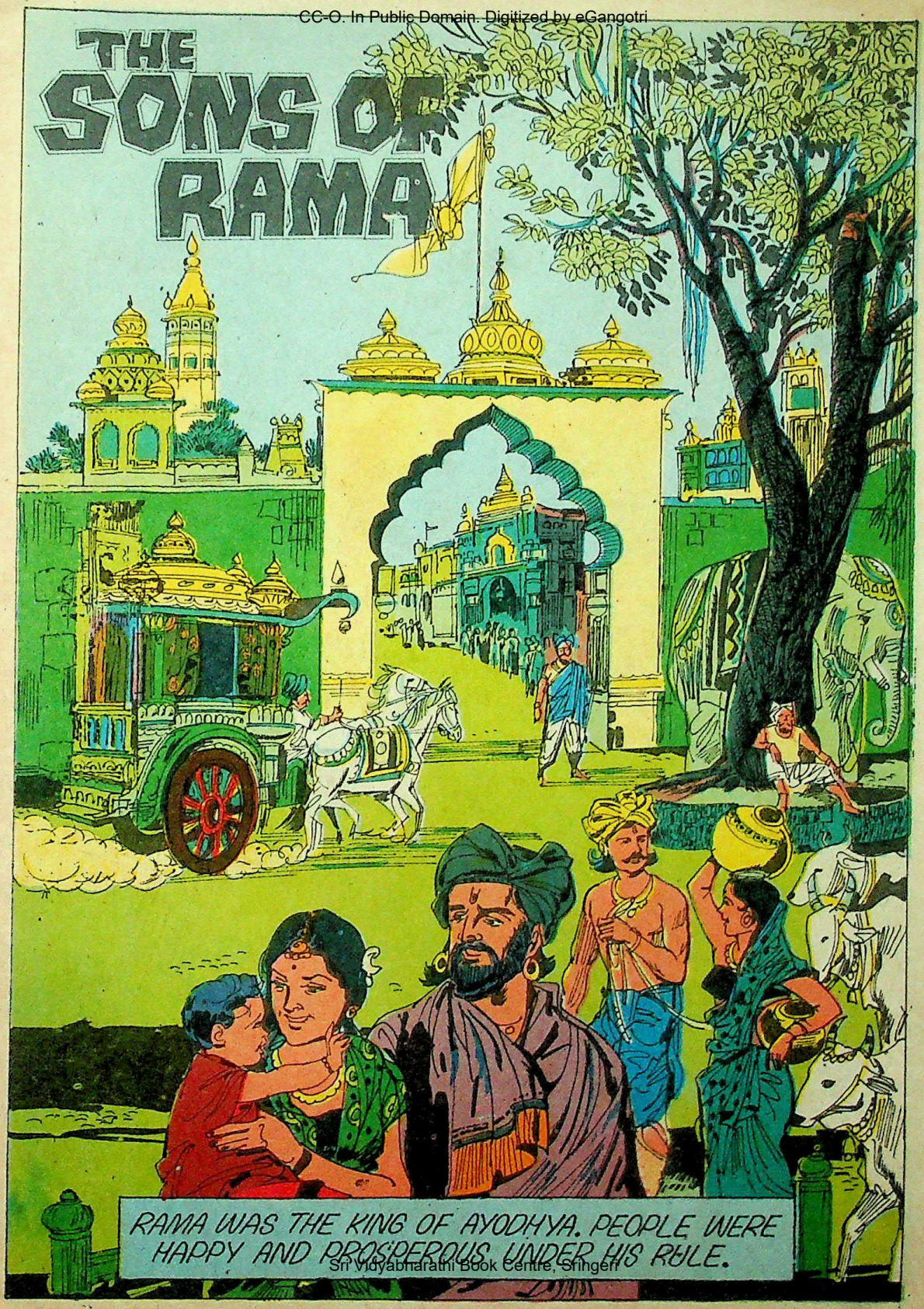

RAMA WAS THE KING OF AYODHYA. PEOPLE WERE HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS UNDER HIS RULE.

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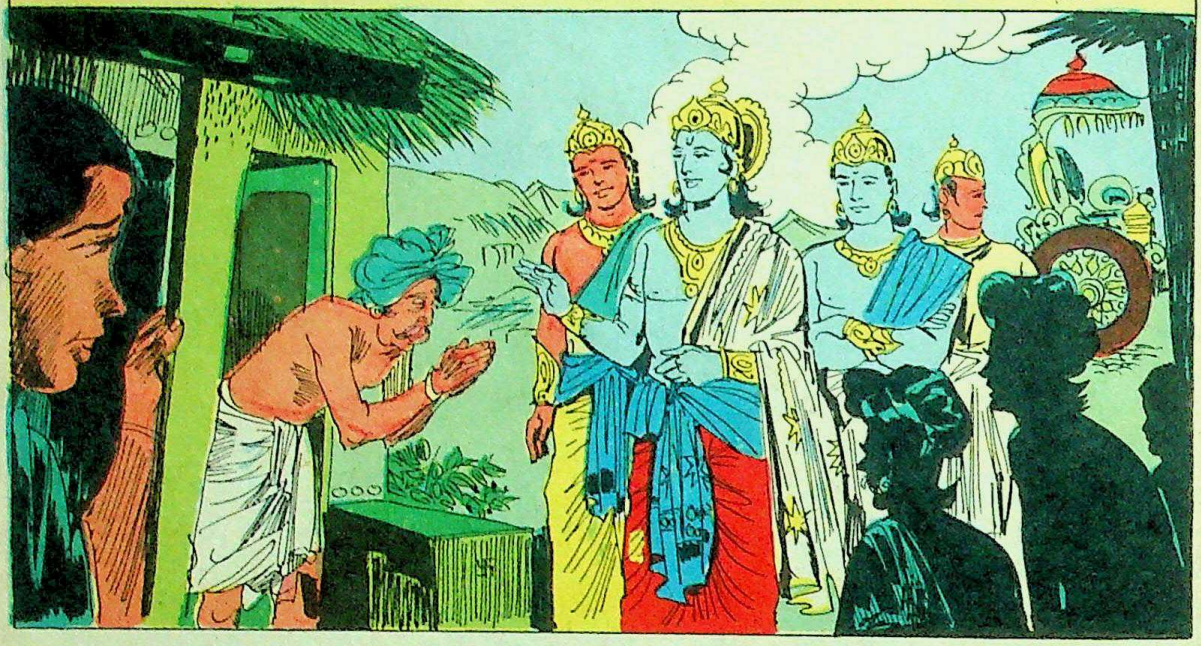
WITH HIS BROTHERS, LAXMANA, BHARATA AND SHATRUGHNA, RAMA USED TO VISIT HIS PEOPLE AND LISTEN TO THEIR PROBLEMS...



... AND EVERY EVENING WITH HIS QUEEN SITA, HE RECEIVED HIS MEN. ONE EVENING –

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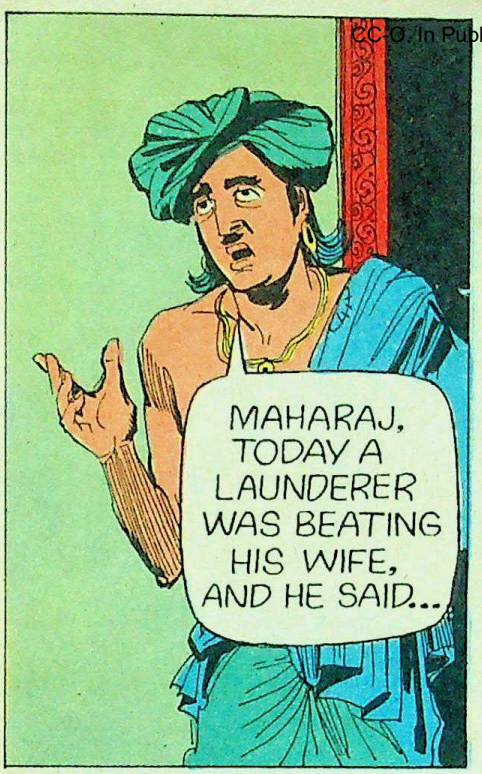

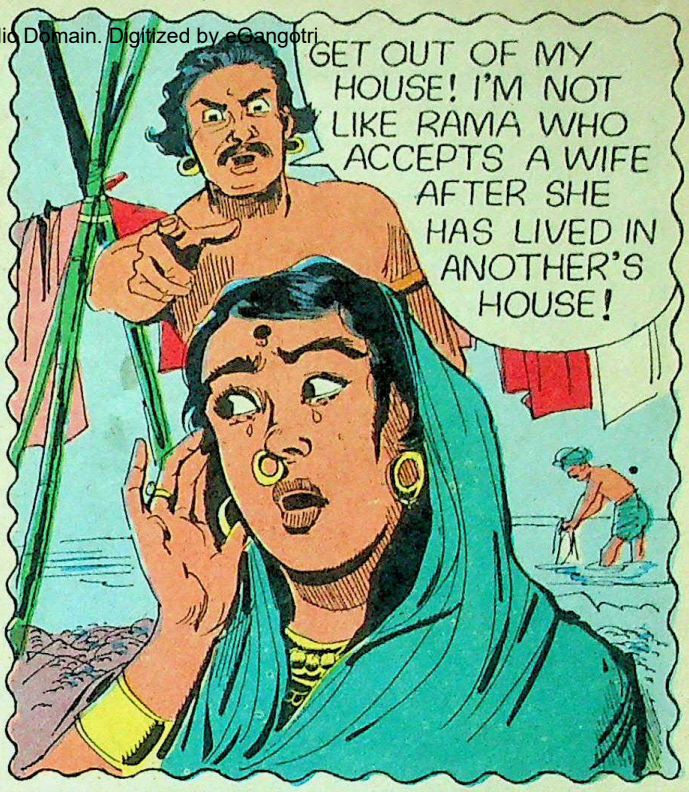

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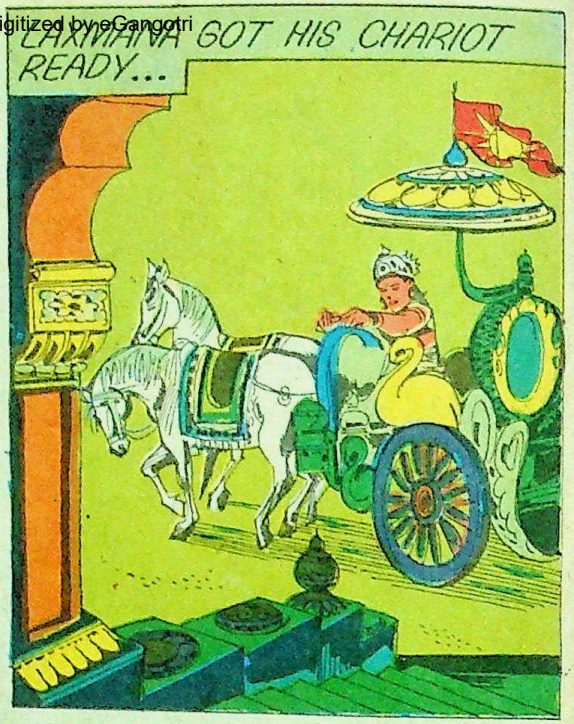

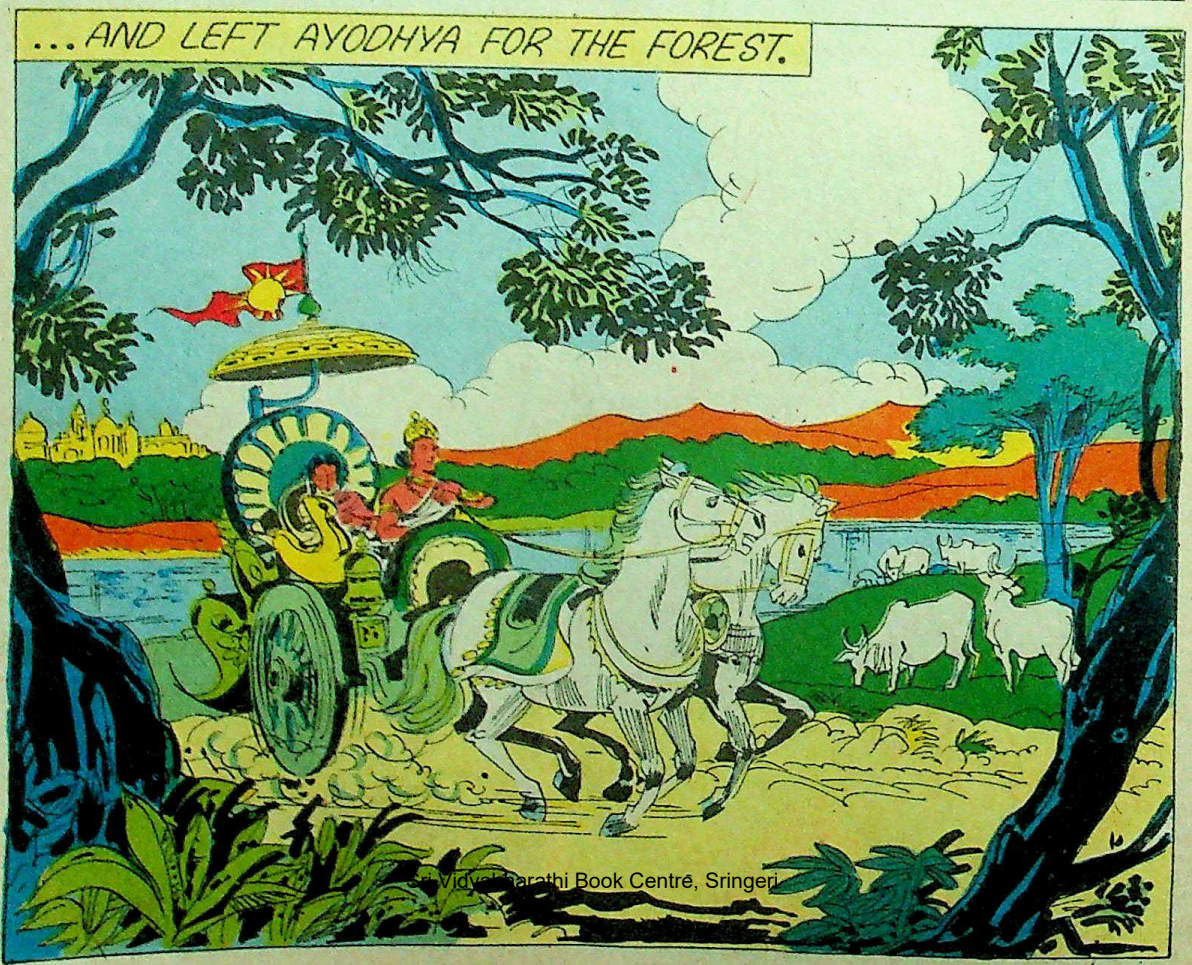

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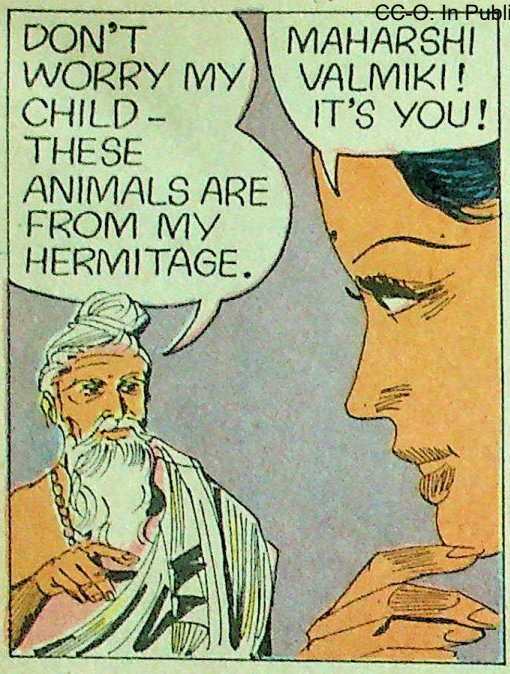

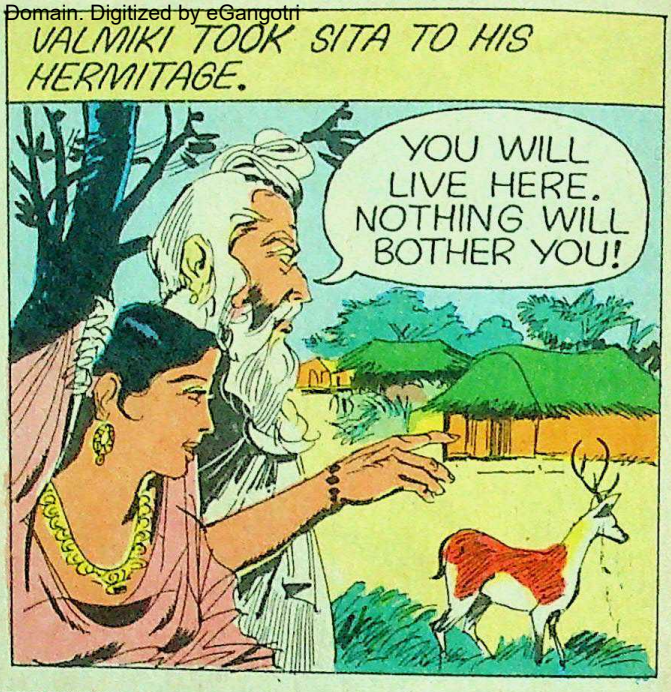

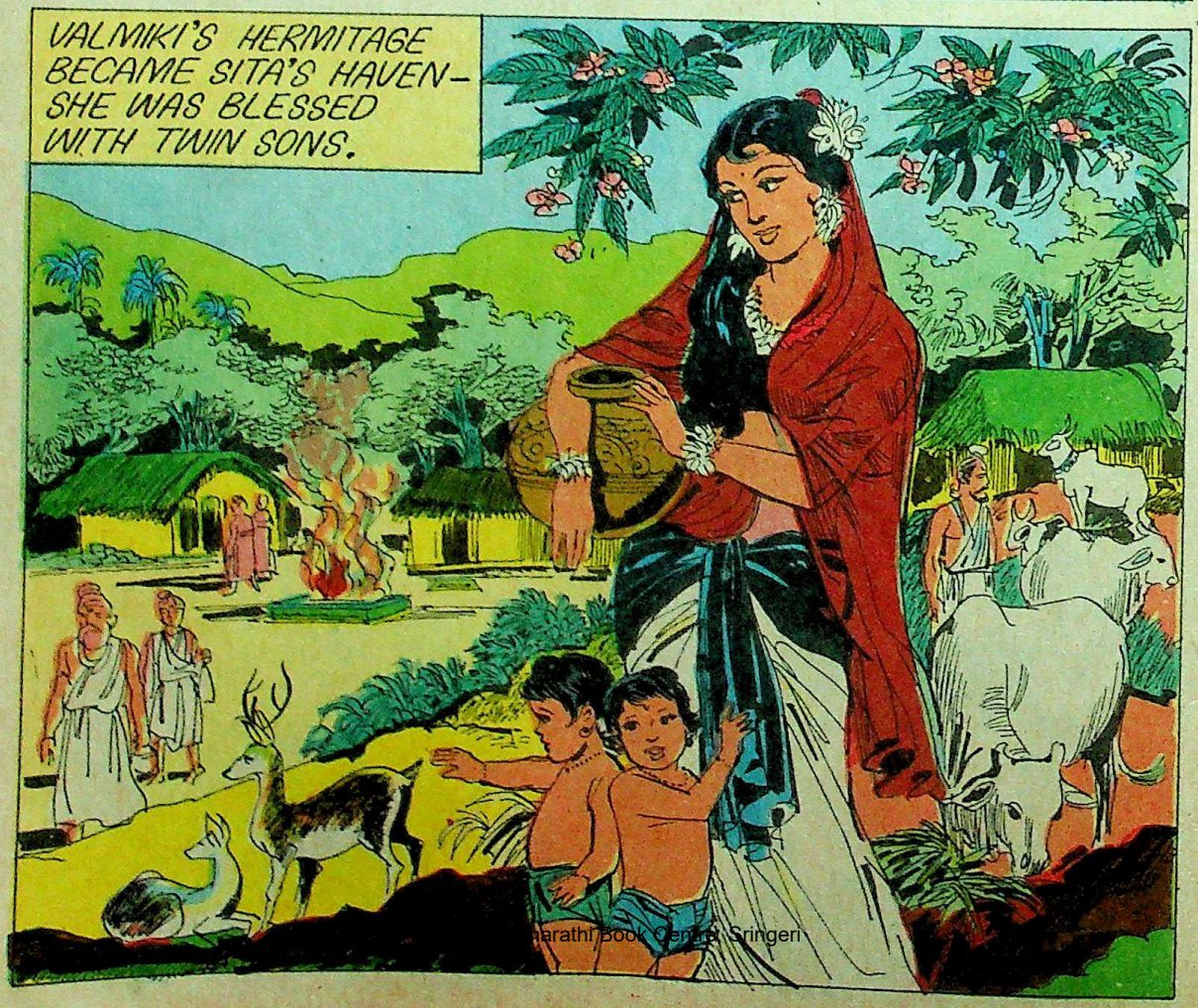

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AS TIME PASSED, SITA'S TWIN SONS, LUV AND KUSH, GREW UP.

LUV DEAR, WHERE IS KUSH?

HERE I AM, MOTHER, BOXING THIS DEER'S EARS!

BUT THE MAHARSHI TAUGHT YOU NOT TO BE CRUEL TO ANIMALS!

IT WAS THE DEER WHO WAS BEING CRUEL TO ME!

MAHARSHI VALMIKI PERSONALLY ATTENDED TO THEIR EDUCATION.

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HE TAUGHT THEM THE USE OF ARMS AS WELL.

PULL WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT, THEN LET THE ARROW GO.

LUV AND KUSH PRACTISED WHAT THEY WERE TAUGHT EVERY DAY.

WHAT'S THIS? ARE YOU TWO TRYING TO KILL EACH OTHER?

NOT AT ALL, MOTHER! WE ARE PRACTISING HOW TO STAY EACH OTHER'S ARROWS.

LET'S GO. IT'S TIME FOR DINNER!

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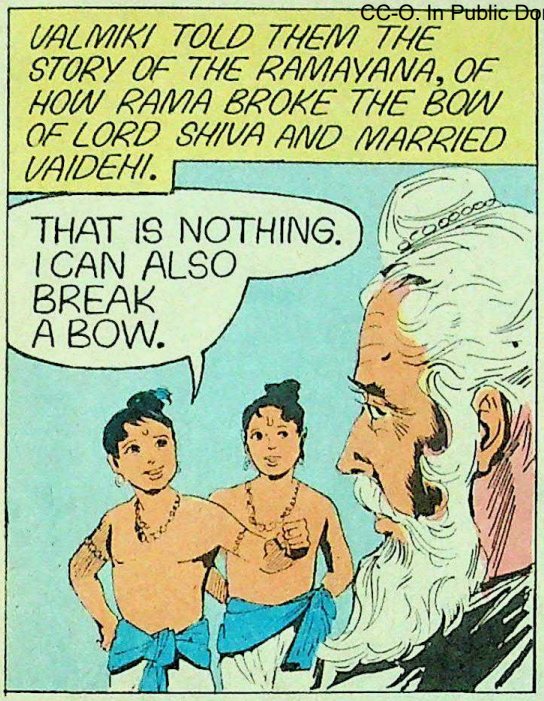

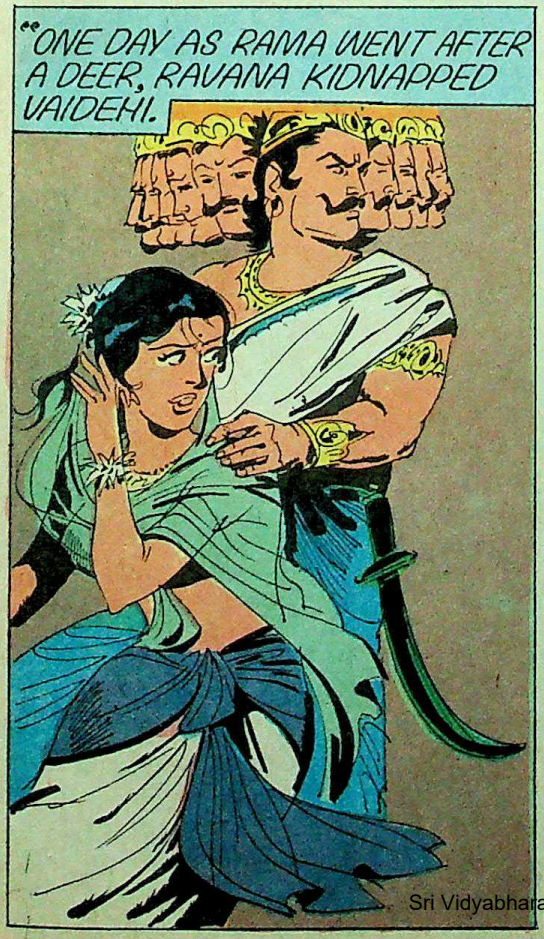

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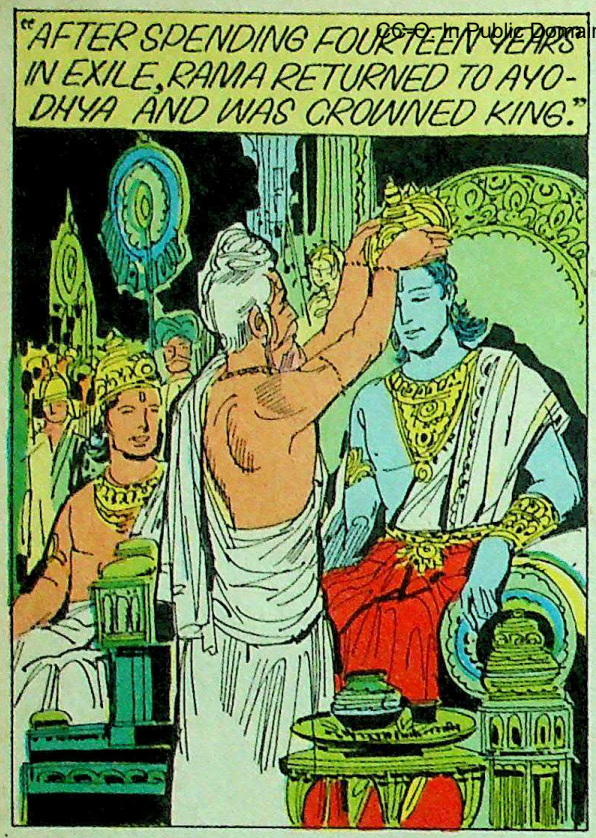

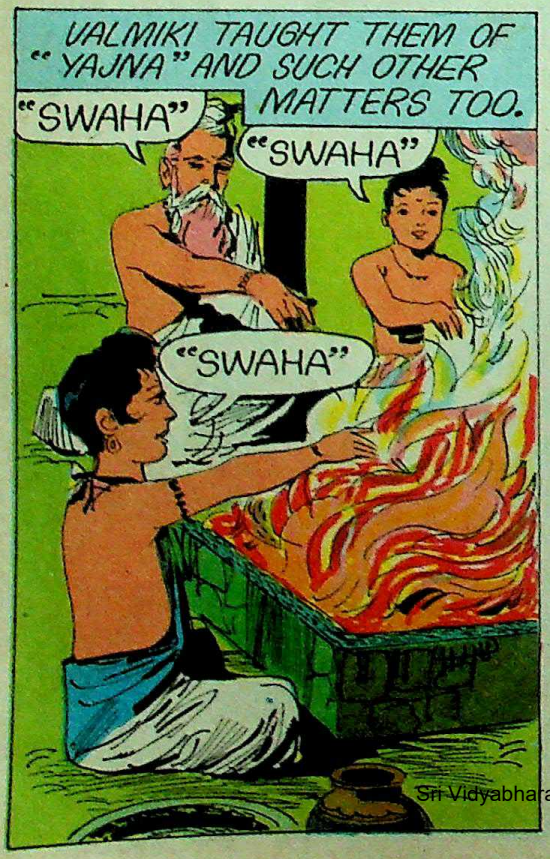

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MEANWHILE, IN AYODHYA RAMA PREPARED TO PERFORM THE ASHWAMEDHA YAJNA.

AS PEOPLE PASSED BY HIS ROYAL PALACE –

KING RAMA WILL NOW BECOME A WORLD CONQUEROR.

ALL WERE INVITED TO THE YAJNA.

THE GREAT SAGES, VISHWA-MITRA AND NARADA ARE HERE TOO.

THEY ARE STAYING WITH THE SAGE VASHISHTHA.

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RULERS FROM ALL AROUND CAME WITH THEIR ARMIES.

WHAT HAVE THESE ARMIES TO DO WITH A YAJNA?

THEY HAVE COME JUST TO WITNESS IT AND, IF NEED BE, TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF RAMA.

THE YAJNASHALA WAS DECORATED; PREPARATIONS WERE NOW COMPLETE.

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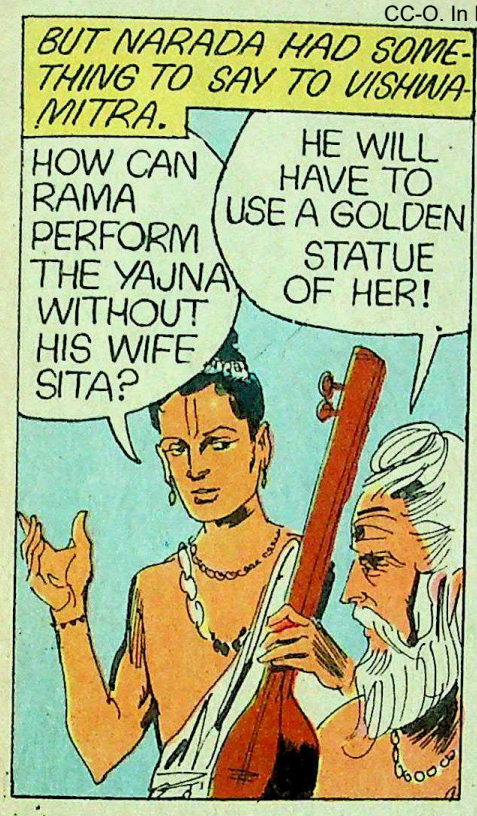

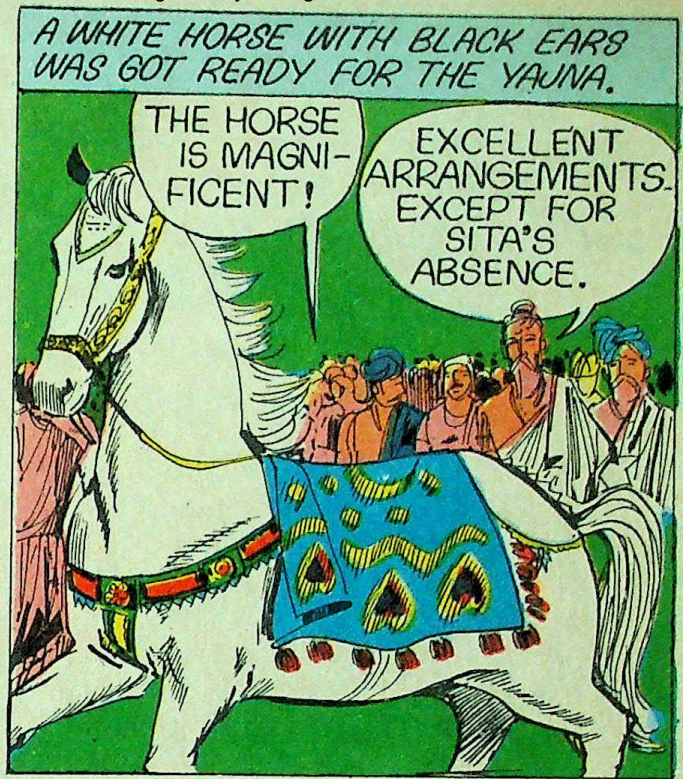

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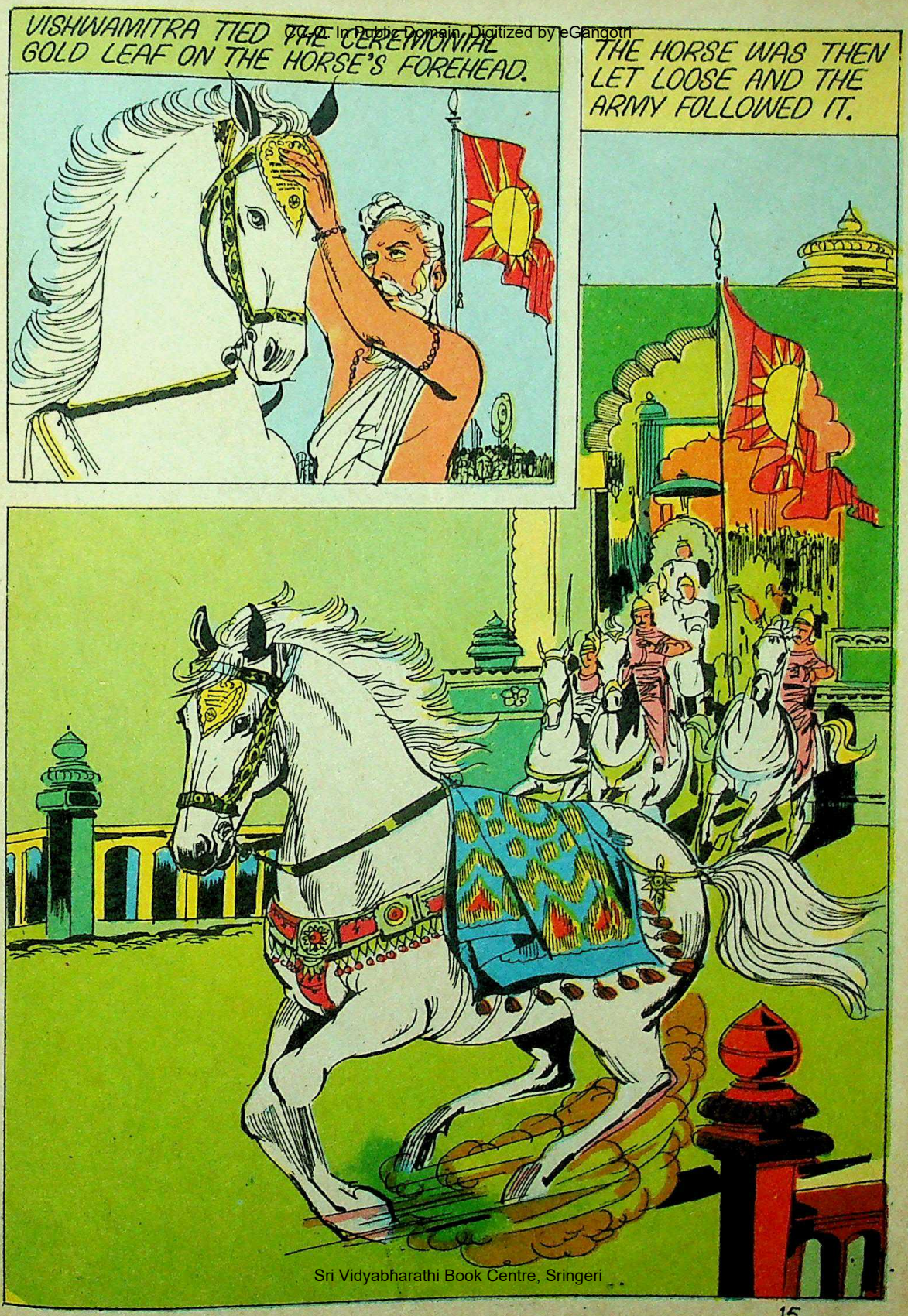

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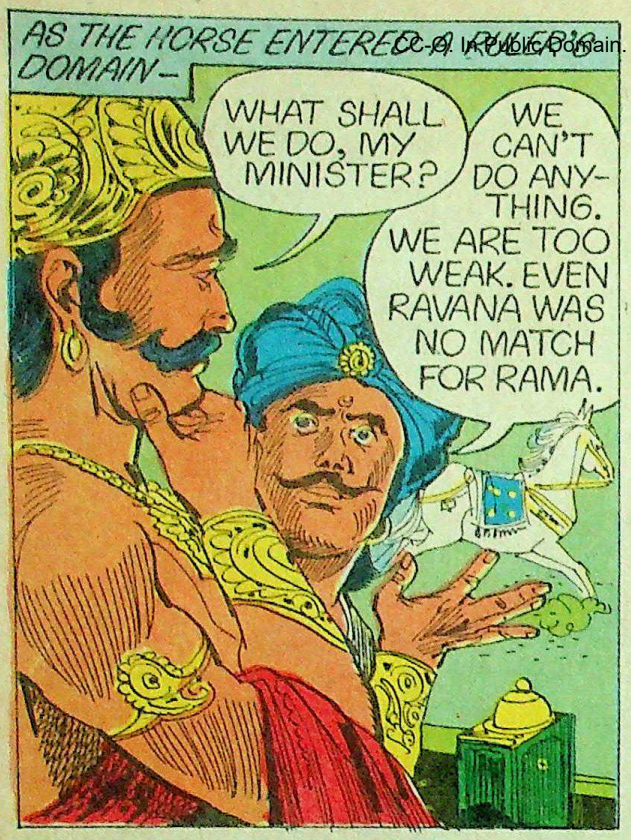

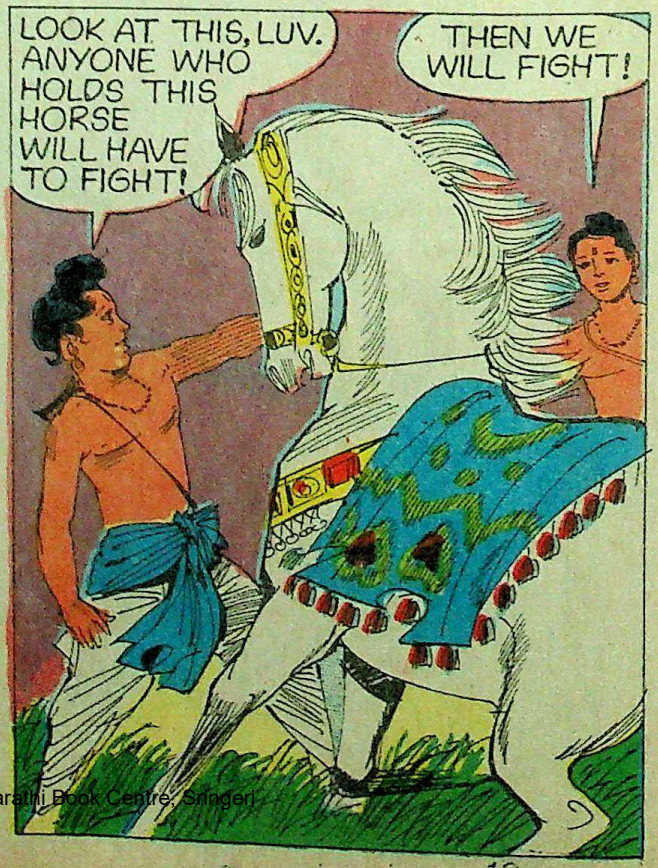

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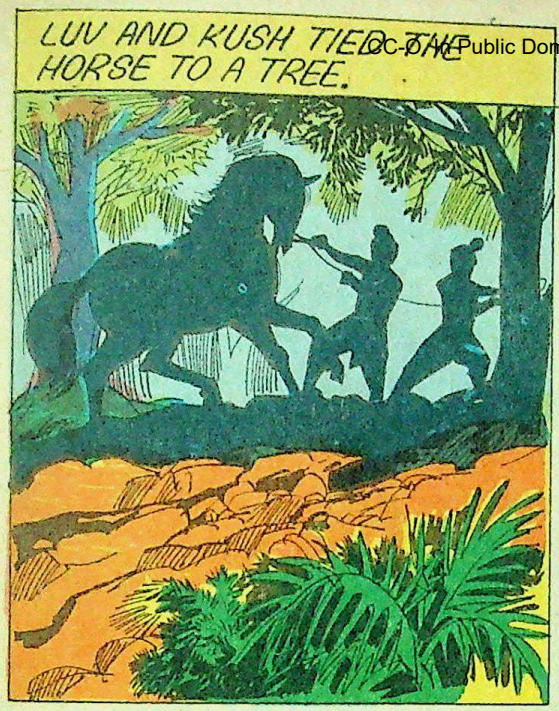

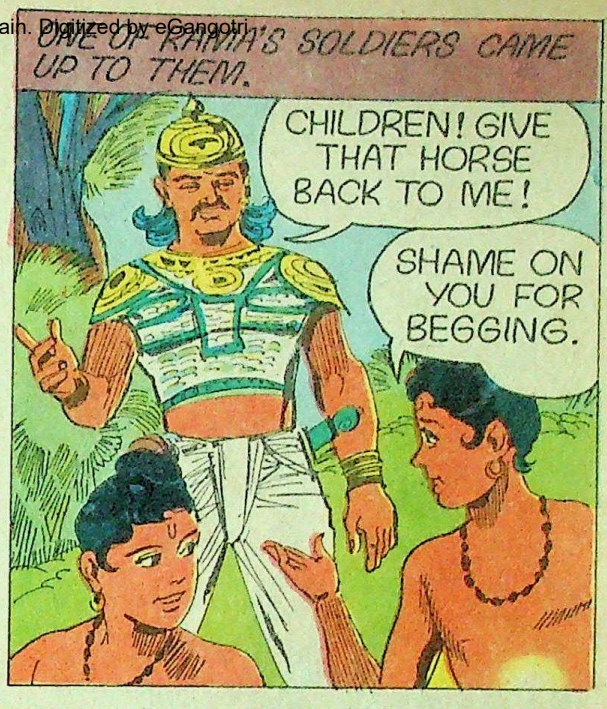

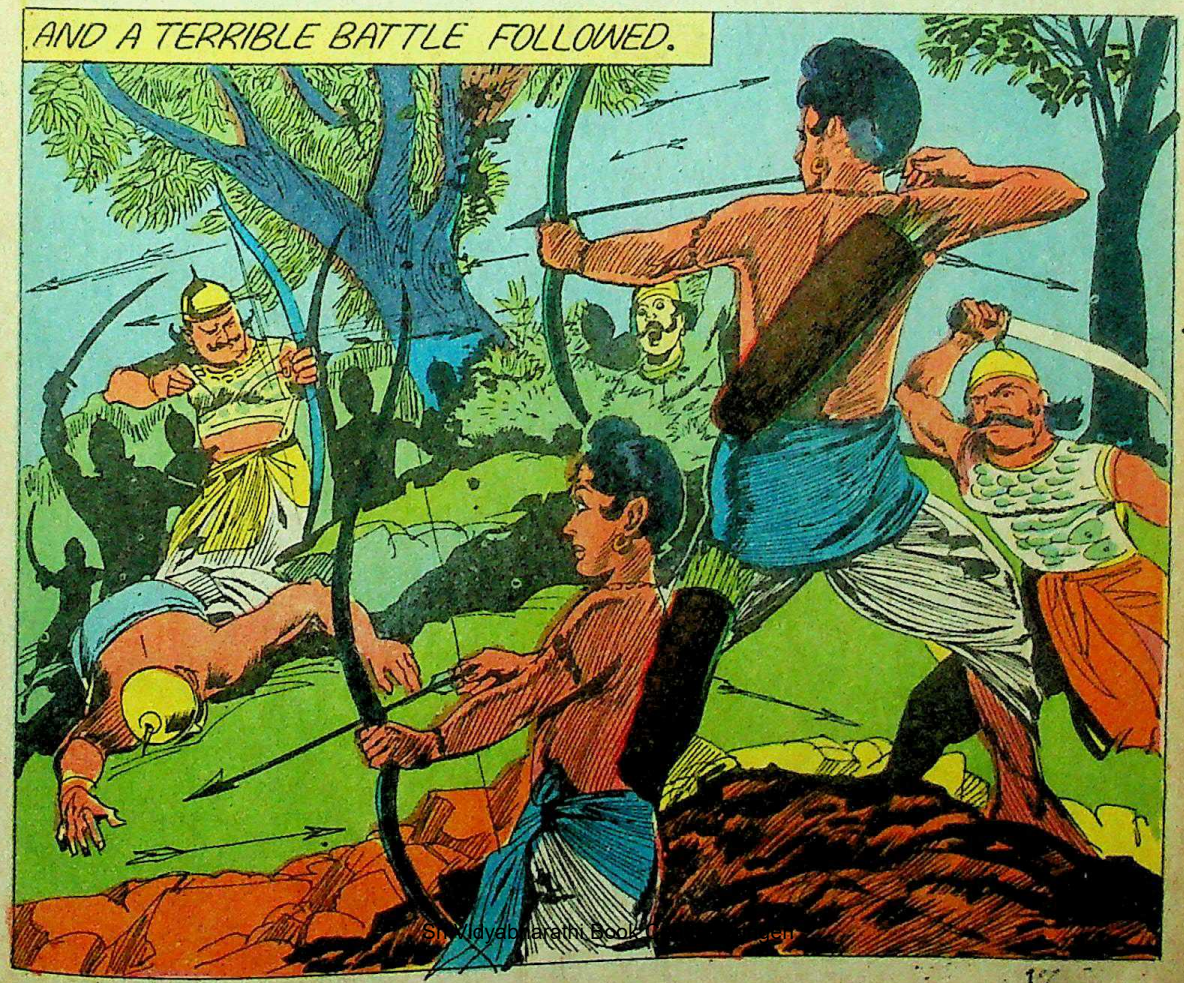

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ONE OF THE SOLDIERS HASTENED BACK TO SHATRUGHNA.

SIRE! THOSE TWO CHILDREN ARE IMPOSSIBLE! THEY HAVE MADE FOOLS OF US!

I'LL TEACH THEM HOW TO BEHAVE!

HE'S VERY PROUD OF HIS CHARIOT!

WE'LL SHOW HIM!

LUV, SHOOT AT THE WHEEL!

H-E-R-E GOES!

JUST ONE SHOT TOOK CARE OF HIM!

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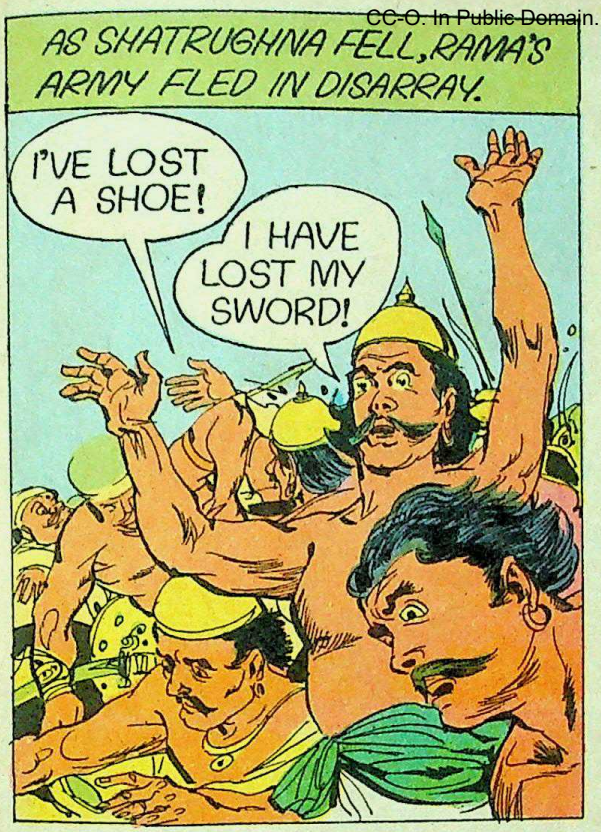

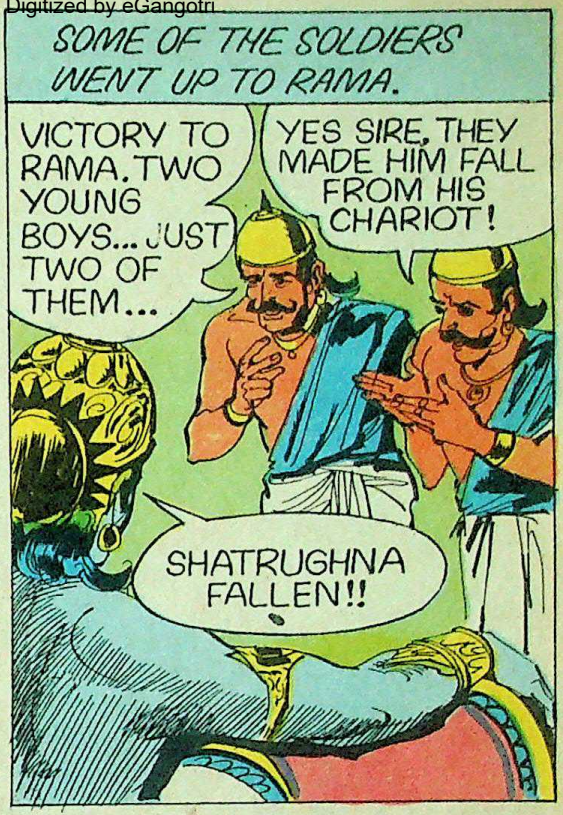

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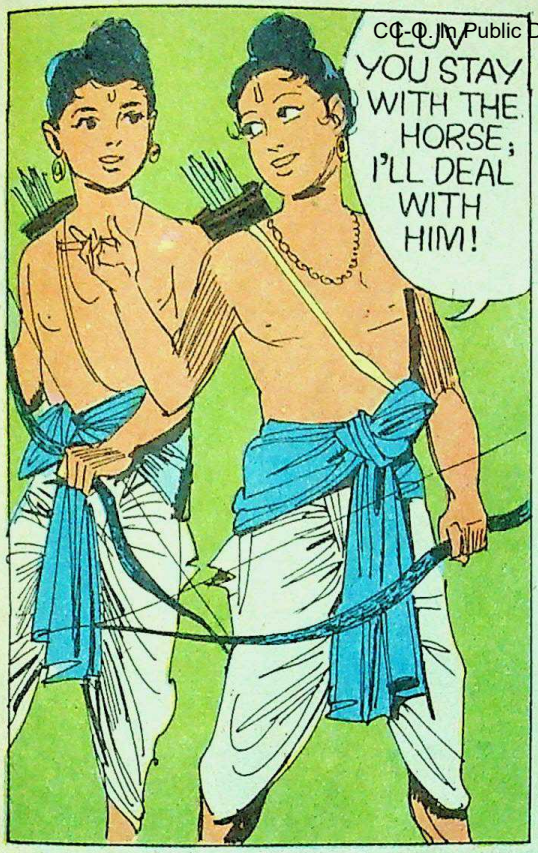

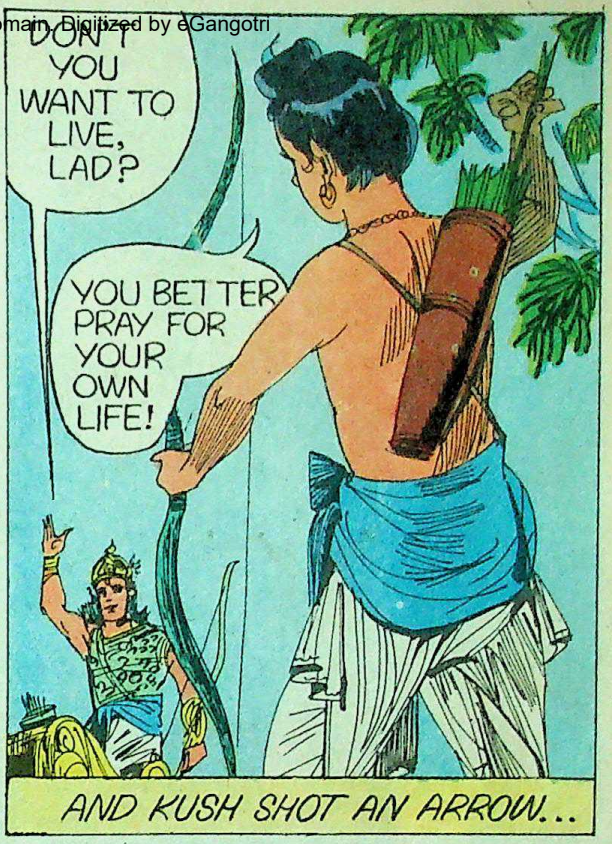

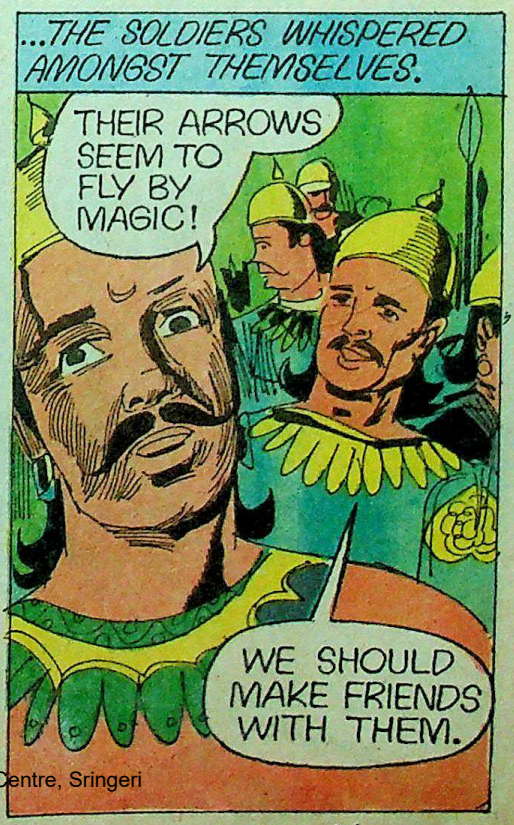

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KUSH AND LAXMANA ENGAGED IN A FURIOUS BATTLE.

KUSH WAS WOUNDED IN THE FIGHT.

ENRAGED, LUV CHALLENGED LAXMANA TO A DUEL.

I WON'T LET YOU LIVE AFTER WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO KUSH!

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LUV HAD HIS REVENGE. LAXMANA FELL UNCONSCIOUS.

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

LAXMANA HAS FALLEN!

RAMA WAS VERY UPSET WHEN HE HEARD THE NEWS.

NOW BHARATA, YOU MUST GO WITH THE MONKEY FORCES.

AND THE MONKEYS PREPARED FOR BATTLE.

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HANUMAN ALSO ACCOMPANIED BHARATA.

LUV AND KUSH EXCHANGED MEANINGFUL LOOKS.

SAY, LET'S MAKE MONKEYS OUT OF THESE MONKEYS!

THE SOONER THE BETTER!

INSTANTLY AN ARROW STRUCK HANUMAN'S MACE.

THESE BRATS DESERVE TO BE KILLED!

THE MONKEY FORCES WENT INTO ACTION AGAINST LUV AND KUSH...

...BUT PROVED UNEQUAL TO THE TASK.

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RAMA DECIDED TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CHILDREN.

WHO ARE YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER?

WE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT OUR FATHER. BUT SITA IS OUR MOTHER. BUT WHY ARE YOU SO INTERESTED ANYWAY?

THOUGH THE BOYS DID NOT KNOW THIER FATHER, RAMA RECOGNISED THEM. HIS BOW DROPPED FROM HIS HANDS.

YOU ARE SITA'S...

LOOK, HE IS FAINTING! AND JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT WE SAID. LET'S GO AND TAKE CARE OF HIS ARMY.

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HANUMAN WAS STILL TIED UP.

WON'T YOU EVER UNTIE ME, BOYS?

SAY WITH ME, GLORY BE TO RAMA!

VALMIKI BROUGHT SITA FORWARD.

YOU MUST TAKE SITA BACK WITH YOU.

MAHARSHI, HAVING ONCE SENT HER AWAY, HOW CAN I...

SITA COULD NOT BEAR THE HUMILIATION ANY MORE.

MOTHER EARTH, IF I AM PURE, GATHER ME TO YOUR LAP!

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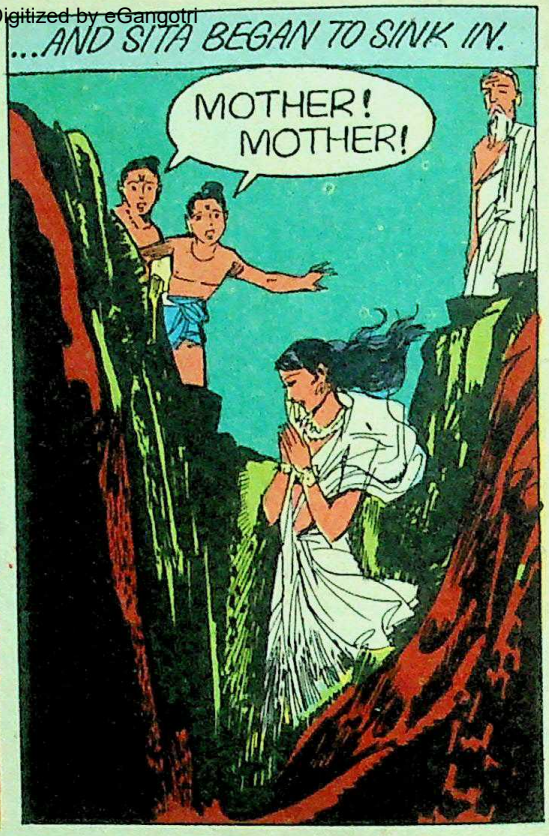

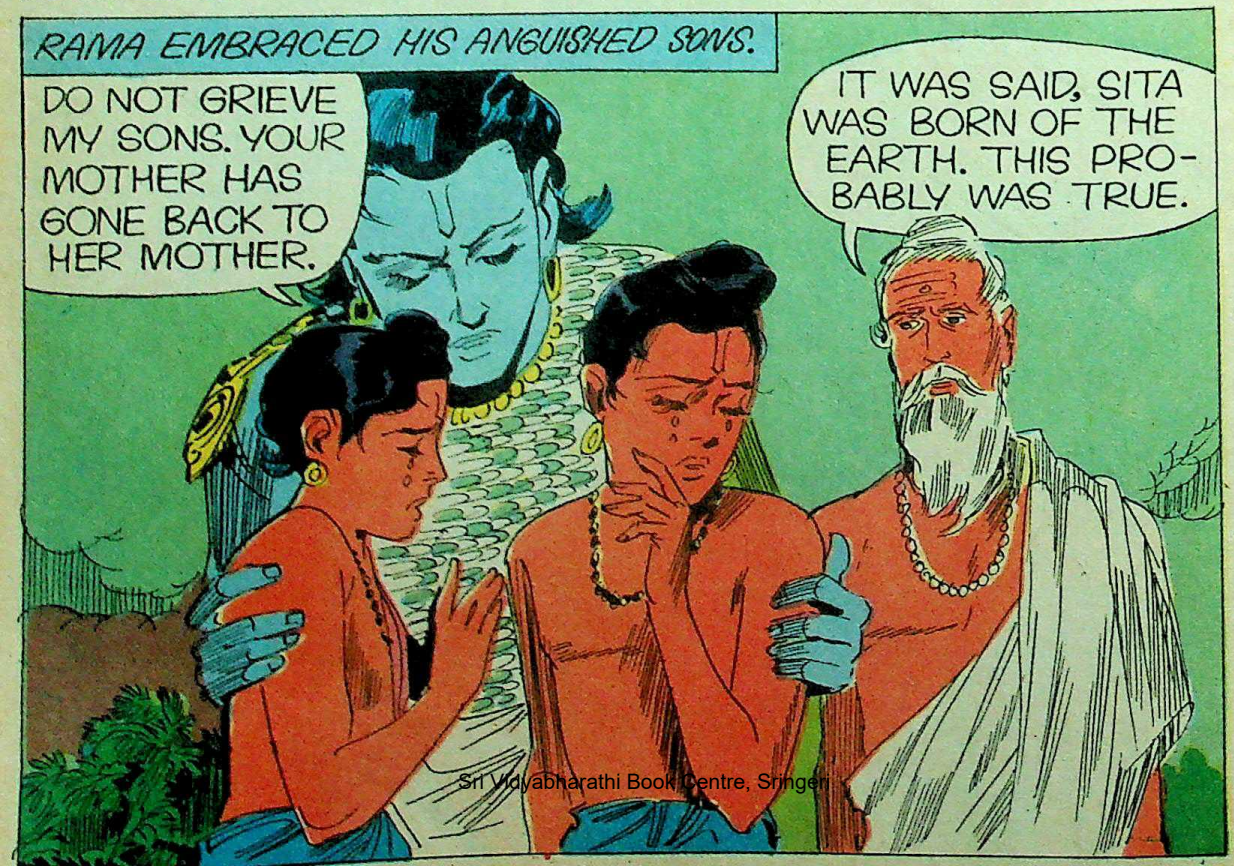

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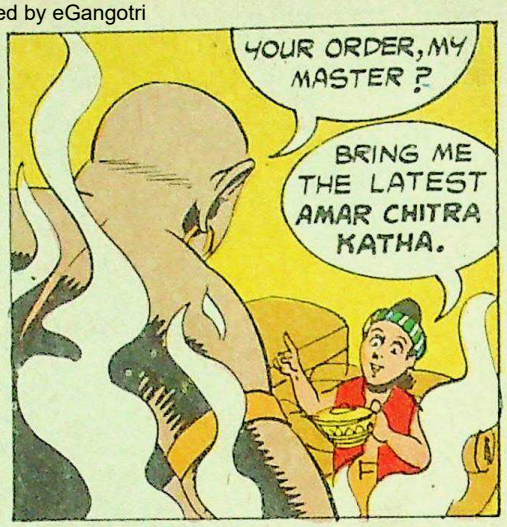

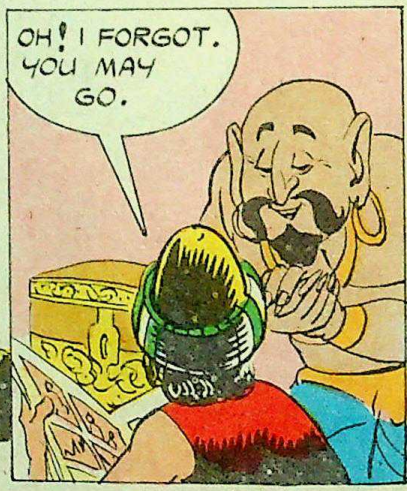

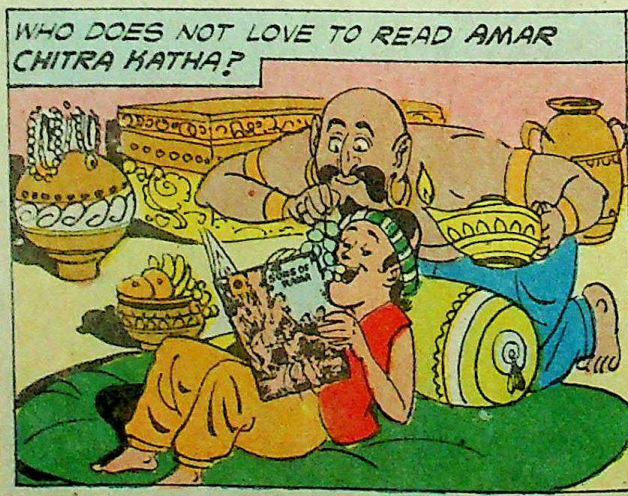

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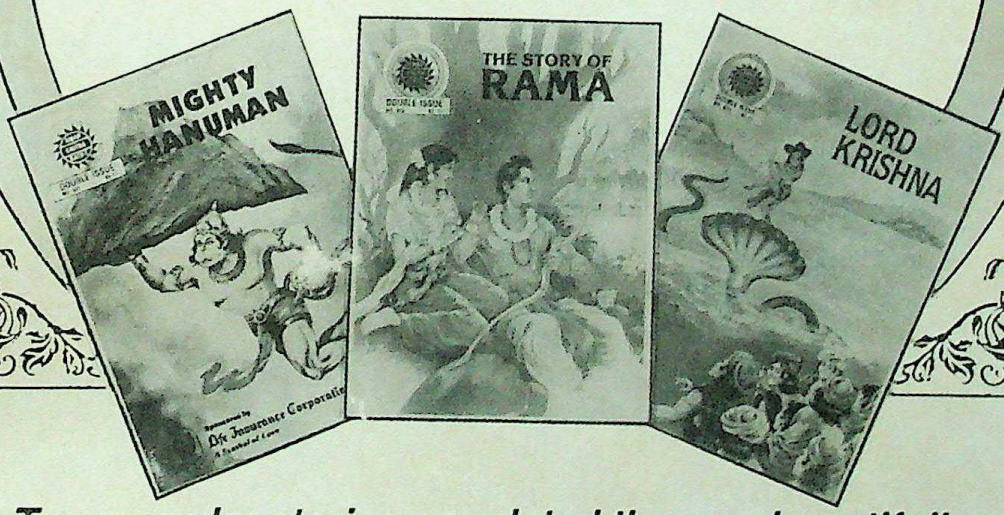

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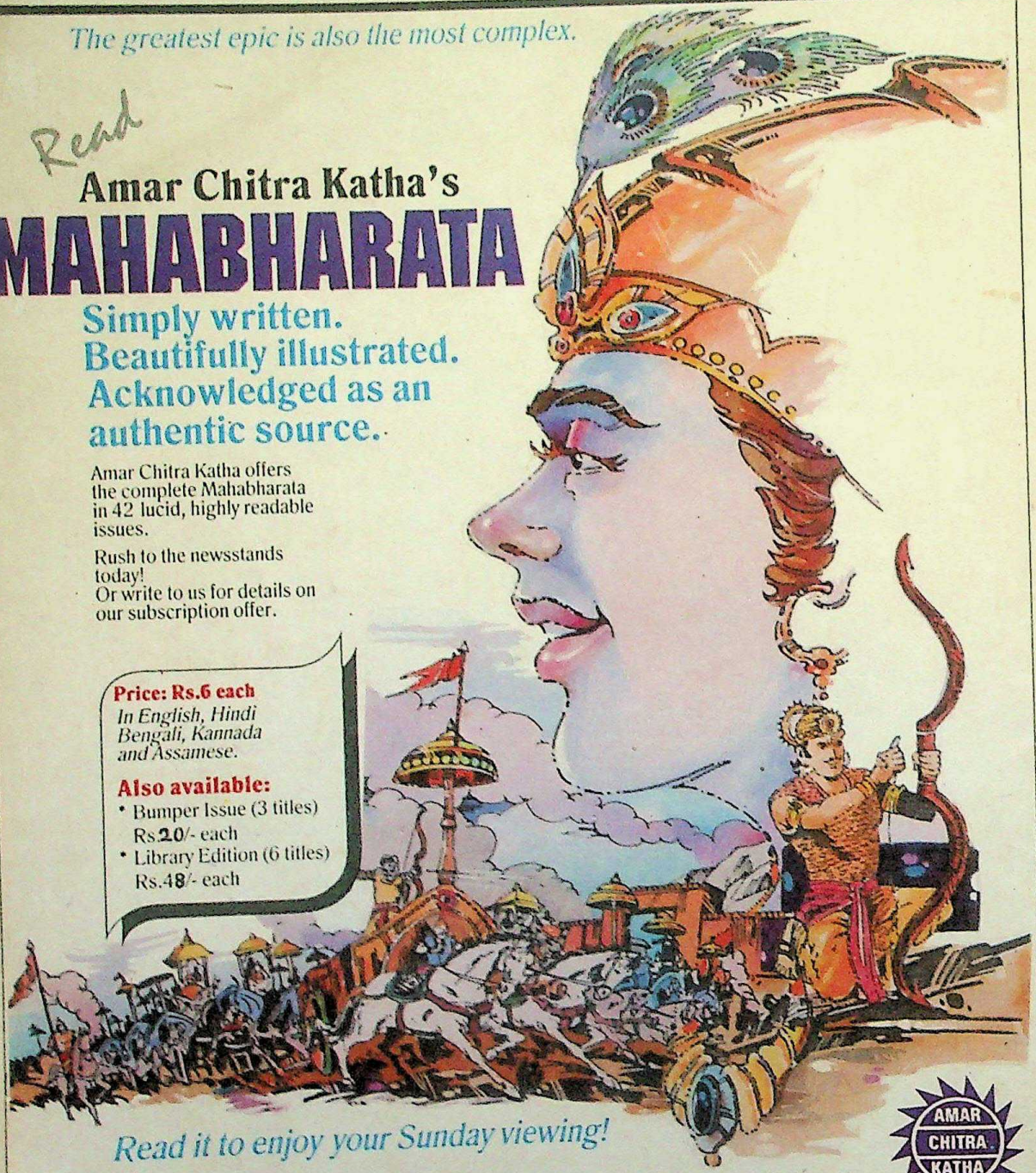

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